GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:46
ANSWERED ON:18.02.2003
MEDICAL FACILITIES IN TIHAR JAIL
M.H. AMBAREESH

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of prisoners died in the Tihar Central Jail during the last three years due to insufficient medical treatment, year-wise;

(b) whether all the prisoners are medically examined before being sent to the Tihar Central Jail;

(c) if so, whether a medical history of such prisoners is prepared;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether the prisoners who are found suffering from diseases which require constant medical attention are examined from time to time;

(g) if so, the details thereof;

(h) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(i) the steps taken by the Government to improve the condition of prisoners languishing in the jail?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERS(PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a): During the last three years, none of the prisoners lodged in the Central Jail, Tihar, died for want of adequate medical treatment.

(b) to (d): Yes, Sir. Every prisoner is medically examined on the day he is lodged in the Jail and his medical history recorded in the prescribed format.

(e): Does not arise.

(f): Yes, Sir.

(g): The Central Jail, Tihar has been provided with round-the-clock medical facilities which include Main Hospital, Casualty, Outdoor Patients Department, De-addiction Centre and Medical Inspection Room where the patients who require round-the-clock observation are admitted. In addition, the patients who require specialized treatment not available within the Jail premises are referred to outside Hospitals for treatment.

(h): Does not arise.

(i): The steps taken to improve the condition of the prisoners lodged in the Central Jail, Tihar include decongestion of jails by increasing their capacity and provision of facilities for education and recreation.